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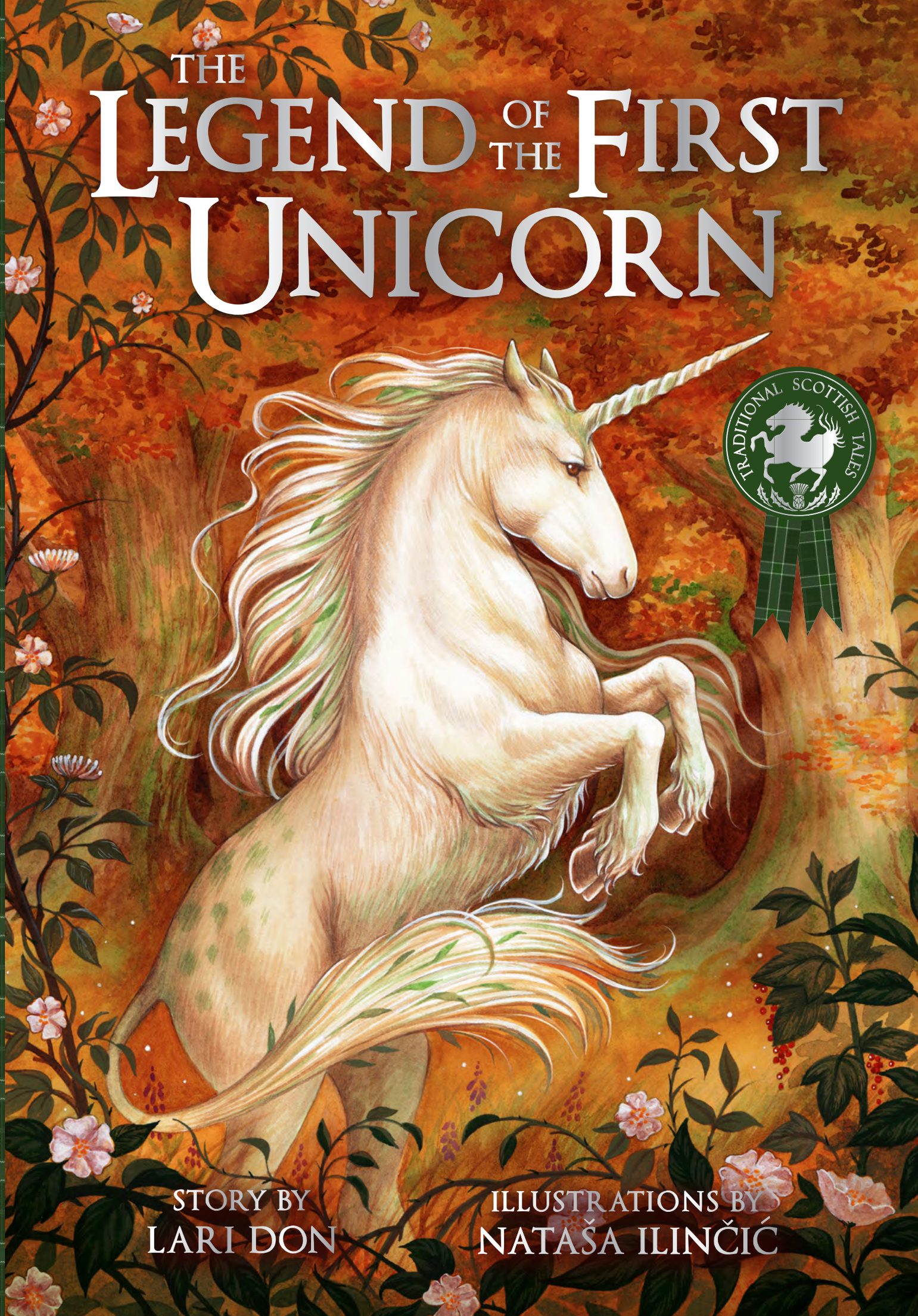

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To all those, young and old, who still dare to chase unicorns and create better futures – N.I.

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a young prince lost his smile.

Everyone tried to make Prince Donald smile.

His friends invited him to picnics and parties. The royal baker decorated cakes for him, the court bard wrote songs for him, the castle stonemason carved fountains for him.

But the prince couldn't find his smile.

The court magician hoped a new magical creature would amuse the prince. He mixed fur and feathers, scales and claws, then added a pinch of powdered starlight.

A new golden animal appeared. But it was fierce and frightening, and it wouldn't help anyone smile. So he banished it from the castle.

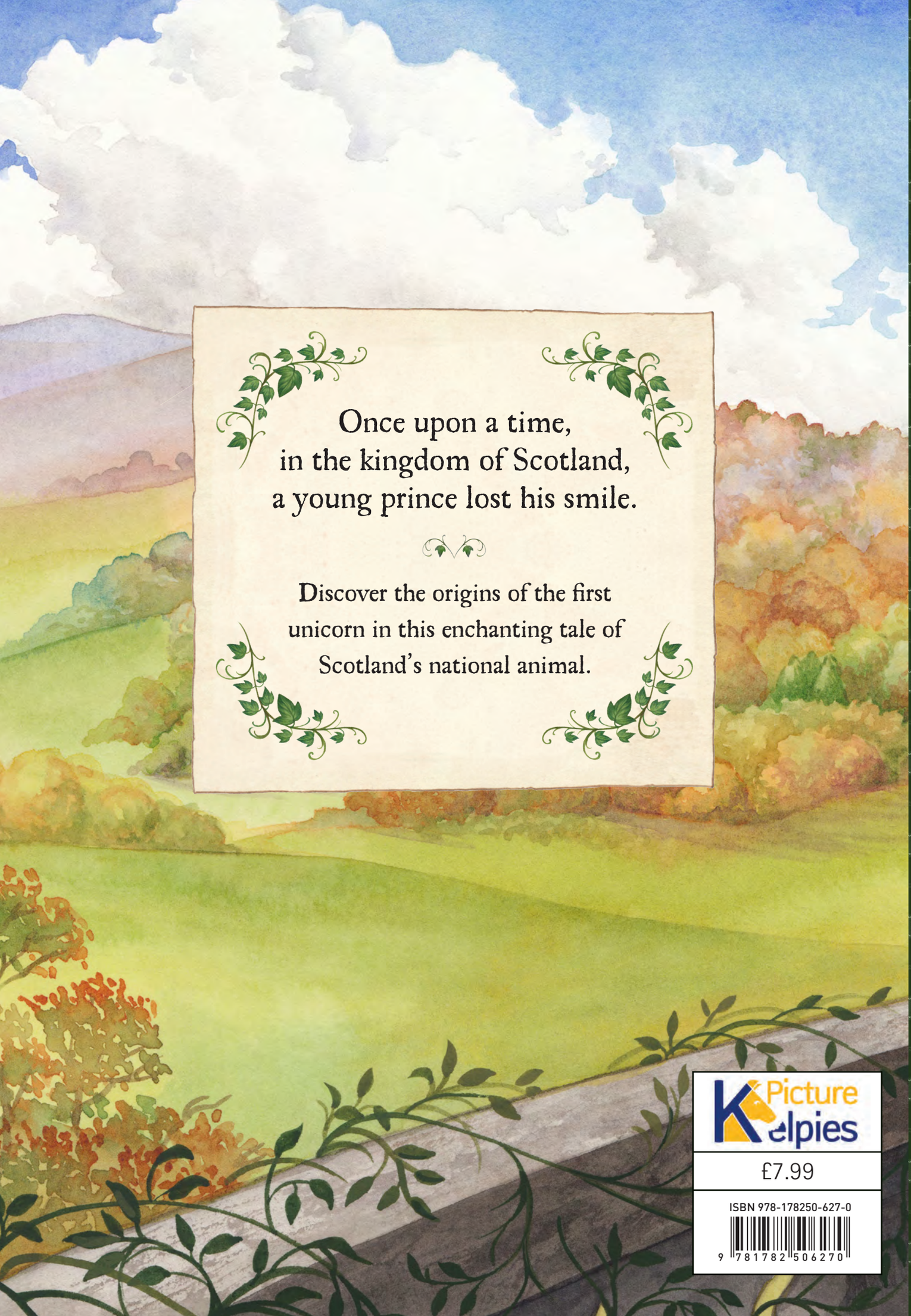
The magician's granddaughter Hana wondered if she could invent a different magical beast. In her happiest dreams, she often chased – but never caught – a pearly white animal. Perhaps chasing the dream animal would help her friend Donald find his smile.

Later that night, Hana crept back into the magician's workshop…

Hana worked until dawn inventing a creature with the elegant body of a horse, the nimble hooves of a goat and the glittering horn of a gazelle.

This new animal was gorgeous and glowing and calm.

Hana told him, “You are a unicorn.” Then she opened the door and let him go.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